

October 13, 2021  
Town of Erin Budget Workshop

Supervisor Schmidt called the Budget Workshop of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 5:37 pm. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Pat Lindblad, Gary Ratchford, Harold & Maureen Spencer.

Supervisor Schmidt welcomed everyone and the workshop began.

The changes in the budget are a 3% raise to the Highway Department, Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor, Board Members, Justice, Budget Officer, Assessor, Town Clerk, and Code Enforcement Officer. The Public Hearing has been scheduled for November 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM for the Town of Erin 2022 Budget.

With no further comments Supervisor Schmidt closed this portion of the meeting at 6:08 PM.

October 13, 2021  
Town of Erin Board Meeting

Supervisor Schmidt called the regular meeting of the Erin Town Board to order on this date at 6:10 PM. She then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William VanRiper, Jr., Randy Evans, Daniel Delorme, Michael Shutts, Dawn Schmidt.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Pat Lindblad, Gary Ratchford, Harold & Maureen Spencer.

Supervisor Schmidt welcomed everyone and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by M. Shutts and seconded by D. Delorme to pay the audited bills as they appear on the General Fund Abstract 10, #135-146, totaling \$2,048.52; and the Street Lighting Fund Abstract 10, #143, totaling \$224.67; and the Highway Fund Abstract 10, #136-149, totaling \$19,855.52; and the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract 10, #10, totaling \$2,238.85.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

Mark Watts from Chemung County Soil & Water came to thank the Town for their support. He will be retiring in December after 38 years of service. He introduced Karen Tillotson who will be replacing him in January.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2021 and approve the minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

- A reminder that the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget is set for November 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm with the Board meeting to immediately follow.

## AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 13, 2021;

### 1. RESOLUTION 29-2021 TO MOVE THE TENTATIVE 2022 BUDGET TO A PRELIMINARY BUDGET

#### RESOLUTION 29-2021 TO MOVE THE TENTATIVE 2022 BUDGET TO A PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Resolution By: D. Delorme

Seconded By: M. Shutts

RESOLVED to move the tentative 2022 Budget to a preliminary budget.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Attorney-None.

Planning Board-Deda Cedar-They will be working on the Blue Sky Cell Tower on Stansfield Road with the company and/or lawyer presenting at the next meeting. It will have to have a public hearing and go to the County Planning Board. They have 60 days to get it back to the Town Board. Supervisor Schmidt will send an email to Nixon Peabody tomorrow regarding incorrect address and county with a chance to correct. Recommends it is bonded the same way the solar companies are bonded.

Parks, Recreation and Senior Committee-Deda Cedar-There will be a Halloween parade from 1:00-4:00 at the Fire Department on 10/31. It will be outside and are requesting donations for snacks and game ideas. The parade will be to the church and back. The bags for the party will be put together on 10/26. There will be a card making class on 11/6. The price is \$3.00 to make 10 stamped cards. There will be a T-shirt printing activity on 10/22. The price is \$5.00 and you must bring your own shirt. They are working on an etching class now. Asked if canned foods could be kept at the Town Hall for the winter months instead of at the Little Library. Also suggested a clean up day in the spring with dumpsters to help alleviate dumping at the shed and elsewhere. Deda will talk to Frank's Disposal. A gate or cameras were suggested for the Little Library to help with the dumping problem. Supervisor Schmidt said that the Town Hall will not take on the liability of food storage and there is the Food Bank once a month in the town that people can be directed to. Supervisor Schmidt suggested putting one more plea out that this is the last month for the Little Library if unusable items are still being dropped off and will no longer be taking food items. It will be closed effective 11/30 if not being used properly.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by D. Delorme to no longer take food and books at the shed. The items will be disbursed and the subject will be revisited in the new year. The Little Library will be closed as of October 30.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

There were 16 people at the Senior luncheon and 7 stayed to play Bingo. There were 40+ people on the trip to Bloomsburg Fair.

Code Enforcement-John McCracken- There is a single-family home going in the old Harnas Trailer Park. They received the permit tonight. Crestwood Trailer Park is for sale. The prospective buyer called asking if there were any issues. There are about 10 violations from the past 8 years. Have never received a response from the current owner. He was sighted 8 years ago for the roads not being paved and for the electrical stands that are tipping. The prospective buyer has estimates to pave all the roads, but it is more than the park is worth. Wants to ask Board if crusher run or oil and stone could be used on

all the roads. John has talked to the lawyer about the legality of what is required. Will force the current owner to remove some of the old/vacant trailers before he sells the property.

Highway Superintendent-Steve Tyler- Since the last meeting they been cleaning ditches, installing pipes, fixing chatter spots on the hills, and patching potholes. Spencer Paving came and looked at the Town Hall parking lot and will get back to Steve with an estimate for paving. Austin Construction came in with a long-armed excavator and removed the beaver dam on Jackson Creek to get water away from the road. They have been hauling anti-skid for the winter. The backhoe from Bradco is \$62,000.00. They will receive \$5,000.00 trade in for the loader. Steve found a ditching bucket for \$1,500.00. They rented it for one month for \$3,000.00. With the trade-in and the rental, the backhoe and the bucket will be \$55,500.00. They got two coats of paint on the fuel/gas tanks and ordered new signs from Beaver's that will be put on once they come in. Steve and Harold picked up a truck load of garbage from Austin Hill Road. The owners live in Cayuta. Chemung County Sheriff is working on it. John McCracken will be in touch with the Econ officer from DEC tonight. There is a concern about people driving to the creek behind the highway department. Steve will put a chain across with a no trespassing sign to block access.

Buildings and Grounds-The base and the light need to be in before the sign arrives between October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Shutts asked for the schematics and past emails regarding the sign. Councilman Shutts and Councilman VanRiper, Jr. will get together with Steve to accomplish this work. Supervisor Schmidt received a general clearance that a new HVAC system for the Town Hall will qualify for the money from the Federal Government. In order to do that we need to go through the municipal purchasing process which requires three bids. Councilman VanRiper, Jr. received a quote for a new HVAC system. It must meet the Hero's Act requirements. It needs to be a quote for the complete project, start to finish. It has to be committed by February. Supervisor Schmidt will work on the RFP and Councilman VanRiper, Jr. will get three complete quotes.

Supervisor-Dawn Schmidt- Under the new open meeting law, state and local entities have to meet remotely with the capability to store recordings so someone can access online. She recommends buying a Town iPad for the Town Board and the Planning Board to use during meetings. Would like to purchase by January.

A motion was made by D. Delorme and seconded by M. Shutts to purchase an iPad by January for the Town to be used by the Town Board and the Planning Board for all meetings.

Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.

A reminder that Saturday, October 16, 2021 is the Chemung County Hazardous Fall Household collection event. Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Pre-registration is required.

Chemung County did their financial report and Chemung County was reduced from 20.0 to a 16.2. The Town is 6.7 risk rating. You want to be as low as you can be. The higher the number, the worse condition the finances of your town are. The Town received a \$500.00 rebate from workers' comp for being part of the consortium. The Town Clerk will post an online broadband survey that must be done from your home address. It only takes a few minutes. The state is updating the mapping. It will allow better cell service, better internet, Tele-Medicine, and First Alert.

The Board was given a cannabis packet to read over. As a town we can opt in or opt out. By opting out you are saying you don't want someone to legally be able to sell marijuana within the town in a dispensary, coffee house and things like that. A decision needs to be made to go in or out by the end of December. It is by municipality so the county does not have to make a decision. Please read over the information for discussion at the next meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Supervisor Delorme emailed Dr. Douglas, Superintendent of Horseheads Schools, regarding the next phase of the capital project going out for a probable vote in December. He invited him to come and speak at the November meeting about the Horseheads school budget. The agenda will be adjusted to have the presentation after the public hearing and the Pledge to our flag.

Councilman VanRiper, Jr. received an email from Mark (Margeson) and Dan (Delorme) about lowering the speed limit on Federal Road and he will move forward with that. It has to go through the State, we just have to start the process.

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Bob Wood-Laurel Hill Road- Between the end of August and the first of September his cellar flooded when the water came off the dirt road. Requests something be done with the ditches on his road and several others in town.

With no further comments from the public Supervisor Schmidt closed this portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by R. Evans and seconded by W. VanRiper, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.  
Motion Carried: Ayes: W. VanRiper, Jr., R. Evans, D. Delorme, M. Shutts, D. Schmidt. Nays: None.